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Co-Owner Brothers of Truck Dealership Sentenced to Prison for Bribing Monmouth County Officials

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NEWARK – The brother co-owners of International Trucks of Central Jersey were sentenced today to prison terms for bribing Monmouth County public officials, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge William J. Martini sentenced Matthew Appolonia, 43, of Berkeley Heights to 24 months in prison and fined him \$25,000. Appolonia must surrender to the federal Bureau of Prisons by March 3.

Appolonia pleaded guilty on Aug. 22, and admitted providing corrupt payments and benefits to various officials from approximately 1997 through 2005 to facilitate the purchase of trucks from his company by various local governments, including Brick Township, Seaside Heights, West Long Branch and the County of Monmouth.

Judge Martini sentenced Stephen Appolonia, 54, of Colts Neck, to 28 months in prison and fined him \$10,000. Stephen Appolonia also was given a March 3 surrender date.

Stephen Appolonia pleaded guilty on Sept. 13, and admitted providing \$2,000 in cash to former Middletown committeeman Raymond J. O'Grady, who was the Director of the Central Motor Pool for the County of Monmouth, in a scheme to have the county pay approximately \$6,000 for repairs to the transmission of a vehicle that the county already had traded back to Appolonia's business. Stephen Appolonia also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder money in a scheme with former Far Hills Councilman Thomas A. Greenwald.

For more detail on the guilty pleas for which the Appolonias were sentenced, go to their respective news releases on Aug. 22, 2007 and Sept. 13, 2007 by following the appropriate links at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/nj/press/2007releases.html>

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